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## Transportation and Communications Committee

May 4, 2006

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the Westin in Long Beach. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, City of San Gabriel. There was a quorum.

#### **Members Present**

Baldwin, Harry (**Chair**)

Beauman, John

Bone, Lou

Burke, Yvonne

Correa, Lou

Dale, Lawrence

Daniels, Gene

Dixon, Richard

Gabelich, Rae

Herrera, Carol

Lowenthal, Bonnie (**Vice-Chair**)

O'Connor, Pam

Ovitt, Gary

Pettis, Greg

Spence, David

Stone, Jeff

Szerlip, Don

Talbot, Paul

Uranga, Tonia Reyes

Wapner, Alan

City of San Gabriel

City of Brea

City of Tustin

City of Los Angeles

Orange County

City of Barstow

City of Paramount

City of Lake Forrest

City of Long Beach

City of Diamond Bar

City of Long Beach

City of Santa Monica

San Bernardino County

Cathedral City

Arroyo Verdugo COG

Riverside County

South Bay Cities COG

City of Alhambra

City of Long Beach

City of Ontario

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Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Buckley, Tom	City of Lake Elsinore
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
George, Gary	City of Redlands
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Joffe, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Lowe, Robin	City of Hemet/RCTC
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Mikels, Judy	Ventura County
Miller, Paul	City of Simi Valley
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
Moqet, Shenna	Riverside, WRCOG
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Smith, Greg	City of Los Angeles
Smyth, Cameron	City of Santa Clarita
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Tyler, Sidney	City of Pasadena

#### New Members

#### Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Casey, Rose

Caltrans

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE**

**4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.1 Approval Item**

**4.1.1 Approve Minutes of April 6, 2006**

**4.2 Receive and File**

**4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix**

MOTION was made to MOVE the Consent Calendar items.

Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 S.2388 – National Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2006**

Don Rhodes, SCAG, stated that the bill which is currently in the Senate Environment Public Works Committee does two things; 1) it establishes a commission on infrastructure to look at current and future needs related to demand and economic growth. 2) It establishes a cabinet level advisor group that would have input from various national organizations, including the National Governors Association, the National Association of Counties, the United States Conference of Mayors and the National Conference of State Legislators.

Funding for the Commission is authorized at up to \$1,000,000 for FY2008 and FY2009. The Commission will sunset in September 2009.

Staff recommends that the TCC support S.2388 and the establishment of the 'National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States'.

Motion was made to SUPPORT S.2388. Motion was SECONDED and UNAMIOUSLY APPROVED.

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**6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1 Maritime Goods Movement Coalition**

Robert Wyman, Environmental Attorney with the law firm of Latham & Watkins, gave a presentation on a market-based strategy to reduce environmental impacts from goods movement.

Mr. Wyman's presentation included a briefing of the document entitled 'Maritime Goods Movement Coalition', which is included as Appendix G of the California Air Resources Board Proposed Emission Reduction Plan for Port and Goods Movement that was released on March 21, 2006. This document can be found at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/gmerp/gmerp.htm>.

Relative to other plans that have been proposed, the Goods Movement Attainment Plan is designed to achieve the following benefits for the region in addition to achieving the targeted air quality objectives:

- Greater Flexibility
- Greater Near Term Community Health Benefits
- Lower Cost
- More Effective Regulation
- Greater Economic Opportunities
- Fewer Future Project Hurdles

The Committee requested Mr. Wyman provide the MTA Board and the Executive Board with the plan information, so the points could be used into the integration of the development of the EIR/EIS for the Gerald Desmond Bridge and 710 south projects.

**6.2 Report on Triennial MPO Certification of SCAG**

Ted Matley, FTA, presented the FTA/FHWA finding and recommendations from the recent triennial certification of the planning process in the SCAG Region. Certification is required under SAFETEA-LU every four years.

The report identified two corrective actions and nine recommendations for improvements. The first corrective action calls for SCAG to enter into agreements with publicly owned transit operators that document the collaborative planning and programming process currently existing in the region or take other actions sufficient to address this requirement. The second corrective action requires SCAG to publish costs of every individual project included in the Regional Transportation Plan in the future. The set of nine recommendations for improvement are relatively less important issues, but FTA/FHWA expects SCAG to work on these recommendations over a period of time to meet the set standards.

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It was noted that SCAG had a 1979 MOU with the Commissions which SCAG thought satisfied the requirements because it integrated a planning process, and defined roles and responsibilities. Some of the Commissions in turn, then entered into MOU's with various transit operators over whom they had some responsibility. Approximately a year ago it was pointed out to SCAG by the FTA/FHWA that this was not sufficient. Since that time, staff has been working to develop the agreements. Staff is hopeful that in June 2006 it can bring forward the beginning of the agreements; the first one will most likely be in Orange County.

#### 6.3 RTAC Task Force Report

At the April meeting of the TCC, SCAG was requested to give a presentation for the purpose of discussion regarding the current need and relevancy of the coalition. Mark Pisano, SCAG, gave a briefing on the function and purpose of the Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition, as required by AB 1246. Mr. Pisano stated that AB 1246 requires SCAG to convene the county transportation commissions in the development of the TIP, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. Prior to the development of each of these products there has to be a formal meeting with the transportation commissions to review the input into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, upon the completion of the individual county commission plans, if there are any conflicts, SCAG sets up a conflict resolution process between the commissions and SCAG. In the Regional Transportation Plan there is also a requirement for consultation as SCAG develops the plan, that there is input from the transportation commissions.

SCAG has been implementing this process over the last several years through the Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition, RTAC, which has met on a regular basis over the last ten years. The question was raised several years ago as to why the CEO's of the Transportation Commissions and SCAG had been having two sets of meetings. This issue has since been resolved in that the meeting of the CEO's will occur immediately after the RTAC meeting so that both meeting dates are coordinated.

#### 7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Councilmember Lou Bone, Vice-Chair, stated that a presentation on the Maglev stations along the IOS was made by SCAG consultants, the IBA Group. The presentation was a conceptual architectural design of the stations in associated parking facilities around each station. A presentation was also made by the IBA Group on the preliminary engineering for the guide ways and the supporting bents and columns for the guide ways.

A decision was made by the task force on accepting the invitation from the Shanghai Maglev Research and Development Center to send a delegation of five elected officials representing the IOS Corridor, plus two SCAG staff members. This item will be on today's RC agenda.

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The next meeting of the Task Force will be June 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**8.0 CHAIR REPORT**

There was no report.

**9.0 STAFF REPORT**

There was no report.

**10.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT**

There was no report.

**11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

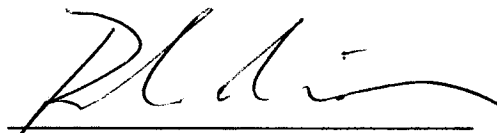
Rose Casey, Caltrans, suggest that there be a presentation sometime in the future by Metro staff, or the consultant Wilbur Smith regarding the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. The plan is scheduled to be completed early part of 2007. A staff report on this approaching milestone would benefit the Committee as there will be recommendations and/or major community meetings.

**12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 1, 2006, at The Marriott Hotel in Marina del Rey.**



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